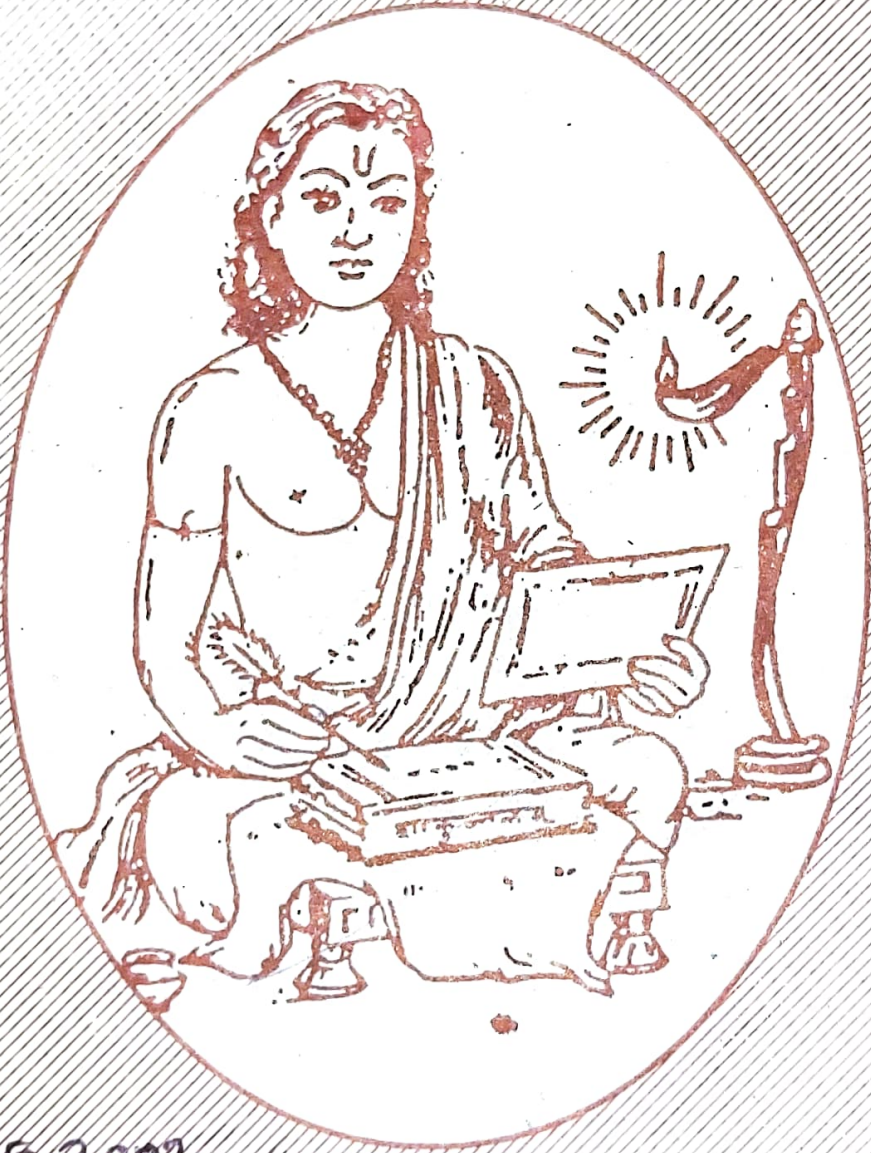


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Why do you not **become** Sanskrit Scholars? Why do you not spend **millions** to bring Sanskrit Education. That is the question. That **is** the **secret** power of India.

- Swami Vivekananda.





Sri. R. Viswanathan MLA., receives a memento from Sri.R.S. Chari, IAS. Sri. Prof.V. Kutumbasastri is seen in the middle.



Sri Sankara Ramanuja Jayanthi - Dr. Ananthanarayanan, JIPMER, was the Chief Guest.



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(An Institution to propagate Sanskrit language and literature)

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## Introduction :

Kalidasa - Samskrita - Kendram is inaugurated with the blessings of the great acharyas on the auspicious day 13.06.1990 and is registered on 1.10.1991. This is started to propagate and serve for Sanskrit language and Literature. From the beginning the following activities have been done to promote the divine and scientific language.

## I. Academic Activities

- ❖ Sanskrit Classes are being conducted in the evening to all the people of the Society.
- ❖ Slokas are also taught to everyone.
- ❖ Bharathiya vidya Bhavan's (Bombay) examinations were conducted till March 1994.
- ❖ PANINI INSTITUTE OF SANSKRIT, a unit of Kendram was inaugurated in the month of February 1994.
- ❖ A Board of studies and Board of Examinations were organised under the able Chairmanship of Sri. Dr.N.S. RAMANUJA THATHACHARIAR, Ex. Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit University, Tirupathi. The following examinations are being conducted in every September and February.

1. Sanskrit Certificate Course
2. Diploma in Sanskrit.
3. Post-Diploma in Sanskrit.

- Sanskrit study centres and examination centres are opened in the following cities/towns/villages.

Pondicherry, Cuddalore, Thiruvandipuram, Sirkali, Mailaduthurai, Karaikal, Aduthurai, Tanjore, Karur, Trichy, Srirangam, Madurai, Villukkuri, Periakulam, Salem, Coimbatore, Gobi, Vellore, thiruchengodu, B.Kumarapalayam, Erode, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram, Villupuram, Madurantakam, Madras, Tirupathi, Tirunelveli, Guntur, Bangalore, Perambalur and Tuticorin.

- Teaching Sanskrit Rhymes and national integration songs through audio cassettees.
- Monthly Sanskrit programmes by students are conducted.
- Summer Sanskrit classes (one month) were conducted during May 1993 & 1995 at Pondicherry and Cuddalore.
- Sanskrit exams are being conducted every September and February from September 1994. Around 400 students appear for the exams in every session.

## II. Collection and preservation

AdiKavi Valmiki Manuscript Library was opened during the month of Nov. 1991. Nearly 100 palm-leaves books and 600 old books are collected from various places of Tamil Nadu and preserved in the library.

## III. Seminars and celebrations

- October 1990 Kalidasa Day Seminar at Pondicherry.
- April 1991 Sankara Ramanuja Jayanthi at Pondicherry.
- August 1991 Sanskrit day Seminar at Pondicherry.
- November 1991 Kalidasa Day seminar at Pondicherry.



- ★ May 1992 Sanskara Ramanuja Jayanthi at Pondicherry.
- ★ June 1992 Sanskrit day seminar at Tiruvandipuram.
- ★ September 1992 Sanskrit day seminar at Pondicherry.
- ★ November 92 Valmiki Jayanthi seminar at Tiruvandipuram.
- ★ November 1992 Kalidasa Jayanthi at Pondicherry.
- ★ August 1993 Sanskrit Day Seminar at Pondicherry.
- ★ November 1993 Kalidasa Day seminar at Pondicherry.
- ★ August 1994 Sanskrit Day Seminar at Pondicherry.
- ★ August 1995 Sanskrit Day at Pondicherry.
- ★ 10-12-95 Kalidasa Jayanthi at Pondicherry, Sri. R.Narayana IAS, Collector, was the Chief Guest.
- ★ 23-4-1996 Sri Sankara Ramanuja jayanthi at Pondicherry. Sri.Prof. N.S. Ramanuja Thathachariar, ex. Vice-Chancellor , was the chief Guest.
- ★ 24-08-96 Sanskrit Day was celebrated jointly with Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Pondicherry. Hon'ble Education Minister of Pondicherry, Sri. S.P. Sivakumar was the chief Guest.

#### IV. Special Talks:

- ★ 27-12-92 Sri. R. Subramanian, French Institute of Indology, Pondicherry.
- ★ 31-01-1993 Prof. P.Rajaram, Dean, JIPMER, Pondicherry.
- ★ 28-02-1993 Sri.R.Varada Desikachari, French Institute, Pondicherry.
- ★ 27-06-1993 Sri.Himanshu Sekhar Acharya, Lect. Sri Sankara University, Enathur, Kanchipuram.
- ★ 10-10-1993 Sri. M.K.Vasudevan, Sanskrit Teacher, Tiru.Vi.Ka.



Govt. High School, Pondicherry.

- ★ Dec.93 His Holiness Srirangam Srimad Andavan Swamigal.
- ★ 19-02-1994, Sri.P. Ramanujan, CDAC, Bangalore.
- ★ 20-05-1994 Sri.Himanshu Sekhar Acharya, Kanchipuram.
- ★ Sep. 1994 Sri. P. Ramanujan, CDAC, Bangalore.
- ★ May 1998 Srirangam Srimad Andavan Swamigal visited the Kendram.

## V.Publications.

In March 1995 "STOTRAMALA" (a book contains around 100 Sanskrit slokas on 18 deities, does & don'ts and 16 Bhagavad Gita Slokas) was released by His Holiness Jagadguru Sri. Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal, Kanchi Mutt, at Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Murungapakkam, Pondicherry State. The first copy was received by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Pondicherry, Sri. V.Vaithilingam.

SAMSKRITA CHANDRIKA and VIVIDHA, two sanskrit books were published by Kendram, written by Sri. V.C. Govindarajan and released by His Holiness Sri Jagadguru Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal, Kanchi Muth and the first copies were received by Sri. Sharma, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Pondicherry and Prof. N.S. Ramanuja Thathachariar, Ex.Vice-Chancellor, Tirupathi.

Sri RAMODANTAM (in prose with Tamil & English Translation) and KATHA-MANJARI, two sanskrit works were published by Kendram and released by Sri. R. Subramanian, French Institute of Indology, Pondicherry.



NALOPAKYANAM, CHANDRAPIDA CHARITAM, BALA RAMAYANAM, SAMSKRITA-TARANGA-I and A SHORT HISTORY OF SANSKRIT LITERATURE ( in tamil) are ready for printing with tamil translation.

Kendram has proposed to publish more books for the beginners and school children.

## VI. Competitions:

- ★ before of all the seminars a competition was conducted on particular subject and the prizes were distributed during the seminars/celebrations.
- ★ In December 1993 a competition for school boys and girls from various schools of Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu had participated.
- ★ In January 1995 a competition for school boys and girls was conducted in the recitation of 15th Chapter from Bhagavad Gita. Students from 6 schools in Madras had participated in the competition.
- ★ the above prizes were contubuted by Sri.Jiwan Das Bajaj, Kolkatha.

## VII. Vidwat Sadas (a meet of Vedic and Vedantic Sastra Pandits)

on 27-4-96, a Vidwat Sadas (a meet of vedic and vedanta Sastra Pandits) was organised on the 100th birth day of Ubhaya vedanta vidwan Navalpakkam 'AYYA' Sri.DEVANATHA TATAYARAYA MAHA DESIKAN, receipient of Rashtrapathi Award, and the Vidat Sadas was presided by Sri.U.Ve. Melpakkam Narasimhachariar, receipient of Rashtrapathi Award. Around 30 Vedic and Vedantic Scholors took part in the Vidwat Sadas.

A Vidwat Sadas was conducted on Sri Ramanavami Day at Madurantakam Sri Eri Katha Ramar Temple (March 1998). Around 25 Scholars took part in this.

### VIII. Regarding grant in aid from Govt.

Our application for grant in aid had been forwarded by the Govt. of Pondicherry to Govt. of India on 8.3.96.

Our application for grant in aid had been forwarded by the Govt. of Pondicherry to Govt. of India on 9.1.97.

Our application for grant in aid had been forwarded by the Govt. of Pondicherry to Govt. of India for the year 1997-98.

The Directorate of Art&Culture, Govt. of Pondicherry had sanctioned Rs.3,000/- as grant-in-aid to Kendram for the year 1995-96, on 26-03-1997.

### IX. No. of students appeared for the exams conduted by Kendram. (from Sep.1994.)

Month	No. of Students	No. of Exam centres
Sep. 94	364	8
Feb. 95	529	16
Sep. 95	406	16
Feb. 96	832	16
Sep. 96	478	19
Feb. 97	569	17
Sep. 97	211	7
Feb. 98	113	5
Sep. 98	65	5
Feb. 99	205	4



## IX Future Plan:

- ★ To start Sanskrit study centres all over Tamil nadu and Pondicherry.
- ★ a minimum Srama Dhakshina (honourarium) every month to all Sanskrit Pracharaks.
- ★ Awards to best students and Pracharaks.
- ★ "ABHIJNANAM" a bi-lingual Sanskrit magazine.
- ★ BHASKARACHARYA Sanskrit Research Institute.

## AN APPEAL TO SANSKRIT LOVERS

an appeal to the Philanthropist and Sanskrit well-wishers to help financially to re-generate the Kendram. Kendram needs minimum Rs.15,000/- p.m. for financial assistance to the Sanskrit Teachers and to maintain an office. I hereby appeal your kindness with folded hands to help generously by sending the cheques/ DDs in favour of "KALIDASA-SAMSKRITA-KENDRAM" payable at Madras.

SARVE JANAH SUKHINO BHAVANTU





## Importance of learning Sanskrit Language.

Sanskrit is the ancient language of India, which has very rich heritage, 4 vedas, 18 puranas, sutras, 2 epics, 12 Sastras, 108 Upanishads, Dramas, Kavyas were written in Sanskrit language. Valmiki, Kalidasa, Banabhatta, Bhavabhuti, Jayadeva and other great poets made Sanskrit very rich by their works.

**“Paninian grammar is the best”** this is said by the great linguistic scholar Mr. Bloom field, the English linguistic scholar.

Astronomy, Astrology, Medicine, Surgery, maths, environment researches and other important topics related to present world are available in Sanskrit works, were written before 1000 years in Sanskrit language. Indian heritage and culture is mingled with Sanskrit.

So the Govt. of India have lot of schemes to propogate and strengthen the language. In television and Radio it is given more importance. Many movies are also taken in Sanskrit and they are prescribed as a subject in the Dept. of Indian studies in foriegn Universities.

H.H.Wilson, A.B.Keith, A.A.Macdonnal, Maxmuller, Bloom field and other foreign scholars had found the richness of Sanskrit works and done lot of researches in this.

The Non-Resident of India, Hinduja family has established vidic research institutes in Newyork and London. Nowadays many scholars of European countries have started to learn & do research in Sanskrit works. The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali is already became very popular in the world.

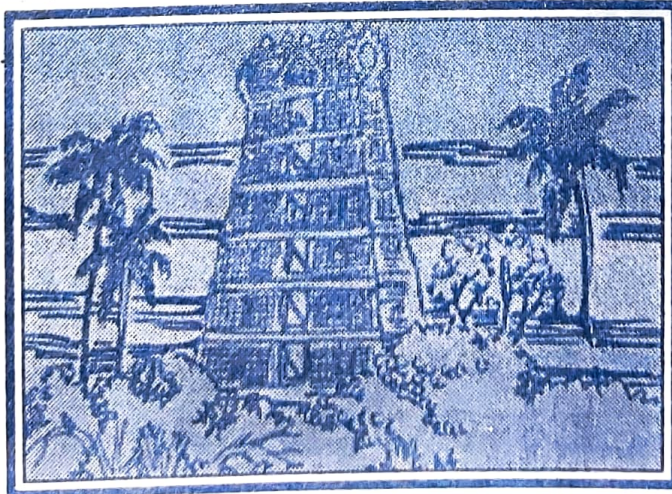


As the citizen of India it is our duty to learn and propogate the language Sanskrit and its literature. So Kalidasa-Samskrita-Kendram is the first Sanskrit Organisation in Pondicherry is started by the eminent scholars to serve for the great language and doing lot of works to promote the language.

Kendram has it own examination body (a board of studies and examination) under the able chairmanship of Dr.N.S. Ramanuja Tatachariar, Ex. Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit University, Tirupathi.

Students & Scholars from various places of South India have made contact with Kendram. So it is must to arrange Sanskrit Pracharaks to teach them in important towns and villages of South India. Kendram started many study centres in all over South India with the help of several Sanskrit scholars, who reside in particular town and engaged in teaching Sanskrit language to all group of the society.

Kendram tries to arrange some minimum amount to all pracharks every month.





ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத ஆசிரியர்களே! / ப்ரசாரகர்களே !

வணக்கம்,

காளிதாஸ - ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத - கேந்த்ரம் ஆரம்பித்து 12 வருடங்கள் முடிவடைந்து விட்டது. இதன் சிறப்பிற்கும், வளர்ச்சிக்கும் காரணமானவர்கள் பலர். தங்களுடைய பணியும் ஓர் காரணமாகும். தங்களுடைய உதவியும், பணியும் மேன்மேலும் தொடர வேண்டும் என வேண்டிக் கொள்கிறோம்.

தாங்கள் முன் போல் எப்போதும் ஸம்ஸ்க்ருதப் பணியினை தொடர வேண்டுகிறோம். தாங்கள் கீழ்க்கண்ட விலாசத்திற்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ளுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத பாஷை இன்று உலக பாஷையாக விச்வரூபம் எடுத்துள்ளது. அமெரிக்கா, ஆஸ்திரேலியா, தாய்லாந்து, ஐப்பான் போன்ற நாடுகளிலும், ஐரோப்பா கண்டத்திலும் ஸம்ஸ்க்ருதம் ஒரு முக்கிய பாஷையாக பயிற்று விக்கப்படுகின்றது. அதற்கு அவர்கள் சொல்லும் காரணம் . ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத மொழி மட்டுமே உலகில் அறிவியல் முறையில் அமைந்துள்ள மொழி என்று. அப்படி இருக்கையில் இந்தியர்களாகிய நாம் நமது மொழிகளின் தாய்மொழியான ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத மொழியை அவசியம் பயில/ பயிற்றுவிக்க வேண்டும்.



இம்மொழியை மேற்கத்திய நாடுகள் நமக்கு பயிற்றுவிக்கும் நிலை ஏற்படக்கூடாது. அதற்கு தங்களுடைய பணி என்றென்றும் ஸம்ஸ்க்ருதத்திற்கு தேவை. உங்களுடைய ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத அறிவு மேன்மேலும் வளர சிலருக்கு ஆசிரியராகுங்கள். நீங்கள் ஏதாவது கற்க விரும்பினால் ஆசிரியராகுங்கள். என்கிற பழமொழியும் உண்டு.

ஸம்ஸ்க்ருத மொழியை வீட்டில் கற்றுத்தருபவர்களுக்கு மாத மாதம் சன்மானம் தரப்படும். கீழ்கண்ட முகவரியை உடன் தொடர்பு கொள்க : -

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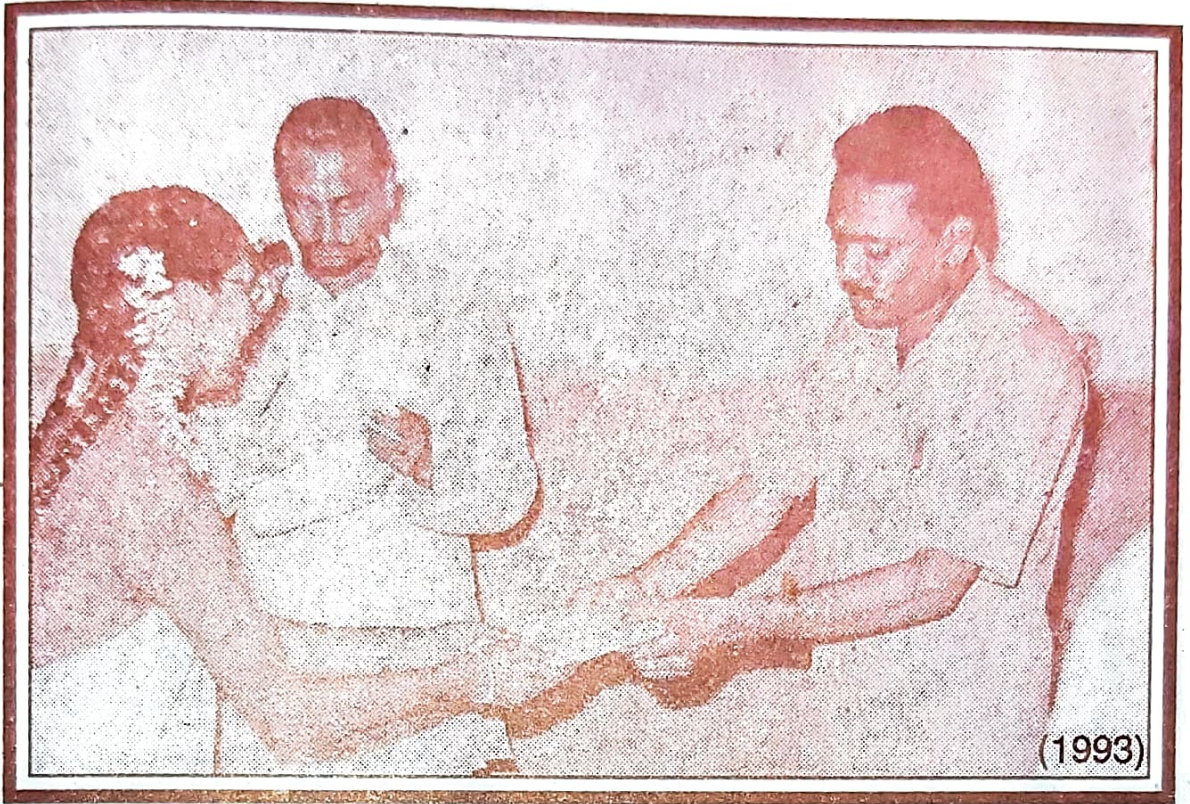


A Student gives a speech during Sanskrit day celebration.



Sri.Tirumavalavan gives a speech during Mahakavi Kalidas Jayanthi. Sri.Panduranga Bhat presided over the function.





A Student receives a prize from Sri.Vasudevan, Advocate,  
during Kalidasa Jayanthi.



A portion of Audience during Sanskrit day Celebration.



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